

REMARKS

This amendment is being filed prior to payment of the issue fee. Entry of the foregoing amendment is respectfully requested. The amendment is required to cancel claims 9-20, 49-56, 58 and 59 which are directed to a non-elected group. The amendment does not change the scope of the remaining allowed claims. Accordingly, entry of the amendment is requested.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Claims 9-20, 49-56, 58 and 59 are requested to be cancelled. No claims are currently being amended or added. Claims 3-8 remain pending in the application.

The following is a summary of a telephone interview between the examiner and the undersigned representative conducted on May 12, 2006. The examiner called the undersigned representative and indicated that she believed that claims 9-20, 49-56, 58 and 59, as amended, now read on the invention of non-elected Group II, as set forth in the restriction requirement dated December 22, 2004. The examiner indicated that claims 9-20, 49-56, 58 and 59 were erroneously indicated as being allowed on May 5, 2006 because they now read on the non-elected Group II. The examiner requested that claims 9-20, 49-56, 58 and 59 should be cancelled by this Rule 312 Amendment. The examiner indicated that if these claims are not cancelled, then she would have to reopen prosecution of the present application and issue a new restriction requirement.

It was agreed that claims 3-8 are still in condition for allowance. It was agreed that claims 9-20, 49-56, 58 and 59 are cancelled because they read on a non-elected group, and that they are not cancelled for a reason related to patentability. It was agreed that Applicants can resubmit these claims in a divisional application without prejudice or disclaimer.

It is believed that no fees are due in connection with this Rule 312 amendment. In the event this is not correct, the undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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